

**Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company  
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**Shakespeare Under the Stars Returns to Saratoga**

*Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company presents  
King Lear and Pericles at Sanborn Park this summer*

A storm is coming to King Lear's realm—but does he see it? Young Pericles, fleeing for his life, boldly goes where no prince has gone before. Sit with us under the stars as Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company brings the stories of *King Lear* and *Pericles* to life from July 27 to September 2 at beautiful Sanborn-Skyline County Park in Saratoga.

*King Lear* is Shakespeare's reflection on old age, loyalty, and foolishness, as the declining monarch learns hard lessons about arrogance and misplaced trust. Wanting to spend his remaining years without the burdens of monarchy, Lear prepares to divide his kingdom among his three daughters. But when his youngest daughter refuses to flatter him as the others did, he angrily disinherits her—and banishes his most trusted lord for defending her. Is Lear really a king on the chessboard of life, or just a pawn of fate?

Then get ready for Shakespeare: The Final Frontier! A fresh Shady Shakespeare production of *Pericles* takes our hero on an epic journey—into outer space. Using the original story and rich language, we transport the young prince on a journey through the galaxy to strange new worlds. As he travels from planet to planet, Pericles falls in love, has a child, and then thinks that both his wife and daughter have died. But this is not a Shakespearean tragedy, so fear not that the virtuous will be rewarded. With homages to some of the most iconic sci-fi epics of the last half century, Shady Shakespeare's *Pericles* is sure to bring out the inner geek in everyone.

For more information about Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company, visit our website at [www.shadyshakes.org](http://www.shadyshakes.org), email [info@shadyshakes.org](mailto:info@shadyshakes.org), or call xxx-xxx-xxxx.

## Event information

Shakespeare in Sanborn Park 2012

Presented by Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company

Thursday through Sunday evenings from July 27 to September 2

*King Lear*: July 27, 28, 29; August 11, 12, 16, 17, 25, 26, 30, 31

*Pericles*: August 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 18, 19, 23, 24; September 1, 2

All performances start at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** The amphitheater at Sanborn-Skyline County Park, 16055 Sanborn Road, Saratoga, California

**Admission:** \$10 General Seating; \$15 Premium Seating. Youth 17 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. Up to six children may attend free with the purchase of each adult ticket.

**Seating:** Seating is provided and is first-come, first-served within each section (General or Premium). Half-price tickets for patrons with their own blankets or chairs are offered *only* when a performance is sold out.

**Parking:** There is ample parking. Entrance to Sanborn Park is \$6.00 per vehicle.

**Clothing:** Theatergoers are encouraged to dress in layers and bring blankets to stay comfortable as the temperature changes.

**Food:** Snacks, wine, and both hot and cold beverages are available at the concession stand. Picnickers are also welcome.

## About Shady Shakespeare

Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company (SSTC) has been dedicated to providing public performances of William Shakespeare's works to communities of the Peninsula and South Bay since 1999. SSTC believes in the power of Shakespeare and other classic authors to speak to modern audiences, and strives to create productions that are as enjoyable, moving, enlightening, and accessible today as they were when the plays were written. SSTC performs its summer season at Sanborn-Skyline County Park in Saratoga, Calif. Headquartered in Santa Clara, SSTC is affiliated with Theatre Bay Area and the San Jose Chamber of Commerce.

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